

# The Status of Women in Nebraska, 2005: Highlights



Nebraska's status of women reflects both the advances and shortcomings of women in the United States as a whole. Nebraska women have seen some improvements in their economic, political and social status, but there are still very serious obstacles to their equality. In no state in the nation do women do well as men. Women in Nebraska and the nation would benefit from stronger enforcement of equal opportunity laws, informed political representation, adequate and affordable child care, work and pay reforms and other policies that would help improve the status of women, and ultimately, the status of their families.

Nebraskans have long spoken of love and admiration for their wives, mothers, sisters and want the best for their daughters. Let's see how we are doing:

## Nebraska Women's Status Report Card

KEY INDICATORS	2002	2005	GPA
Political Participation	C-	C-	1.75
Employment and Earnings	D+	D+	1.5
Social and Economic Autonomy	C-	C	2.0 ★
Reproductive Rights	F	F	0.0
Health and Well-Being	B	B-	2.75 ↓
OVERALL GPA AND COMMENTS:		D+	1.6
<i>You can do much better!</i>			

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